

**Commission Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554**

January 20, 2017

Subject: Response to FCC orders on Sandwich Isles Communications, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Commission Secretary and members of the FCC,

I write this letter in support of Sandwich Isles Communications (SIC), its many hard-working employees and the underserved native Hawaiian homesteaders in our state.

As a senior manager and dedicated employee of 17 years, SIC has allowed me many opportunities both professionally and personally.

Hawaii had little tech-savvy opportunities for employment, thus I was forced to start my career away from home – in San Diego. Eventually, an opportunity at SIC presented itself and allowed me the chance to move back home to Hawaii, where I could raise my children where I grew up, and pursue my interests in a technical environment.

I have strongly supported the company's vision and purpose, and continue to do so despite the many challenges put before us. I have witnessed first-hand how SIC can make a positive impact on the native Hawaiian community, as well as the state of Hawaii. The service SIC provides has a profound impact throughout our island chain – from helping small businesses to get started to providing needed jobs for many local people.

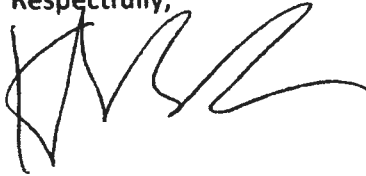
What SIC has been able to accomplish over a 20 year period has had a tremendous impact on the Hawaiian homeland lessees. They now have access to services that are critical in today's society, especially for those residing in remote and sparsely populated areas. These were areas where other companies either did not want to serve due to a lack of cost effectiveness or where service could be provided but with the lessees having to shoulder the burden of the full cost for extending those services to these remote areas. This was a financial burden that could not be afforded by most.

I humbly ask that you reconsider your position with regards to SIC, and can appreciate the company's many achievements. Please don't let the decisions of the few outweigh the needs of the many. The employees of SIC have worked hard, stayed the course, and continue to believe in

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the vision of providing affordable access to a state of the art network, put in place for generations. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Andrade', written over the word 'Respectfully,'.

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